

The Dead Horse DISPATCH

November 2011

A newsletter by and for the volunteers of Dead Horse Ranch State Park



Randy's Revival submitted by Nan Hephner



"HI-YA!! Take that!!" Volunteer Carol Johnson strikes a Kung-Fu pose, fending off a plethora of ants en-route to her potato salad.



I was able to get a shot of a double rainbow over Red Tail. Volunteer Tom Reese

First Snowfall in Alaska!



A photo of the first snowfall of the winter, 10/28/11. We have about 8.5 hours of sunlight now and are still losing about 5 minutes a day. Les Bovee

Mountain Bike Basics & Nature Walks at Dead Horse Ranch SP

A **Mountain Bike Basics Workshop** will take place from **Noon - 4 pm** (or until everyone's tired) on October 30 and Nov. 6 & 13 at Dead Horse Ranch State Park, Cottonwood. Park Ranger **Randy Victory** says, "These will be beginner trail rides on the dirt, with some instruction on the pavement." Victory, a certified cycling instructor, will offer everything from basic riding techniques to trail etiquette. Riders will be **REQUIRED** to wear a helmet and complete an acknowledgment of risk form (parents must sign for riders under 18 years old). Visit park's home page for more information.

Plus on Sundays enjoy a **Nature Walk at 9 am**. This guided hike will meander along riparian areas or stroll through the high desert trails within the park. Hikers need to bring plenty of water, sunscreen and wear appropriate clothing such as sturdy shoes and a hat. Hike leader Park Ranger **Margie Sanchez** says, "You might want to bring binoculars and a camera, too. These hikes are a great opportunity for wildlife sightings and photo ops." Most hikes start at the Quail Loop Campground. Check with Visitor Center for starting location. Visit park's home page or Reserve campsites for this park online



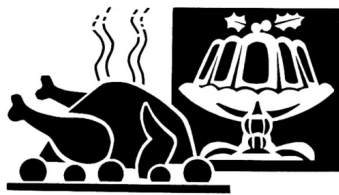
Sunday Nature Walk & Mnt. Bike Class Dead Horse Ranch

Carolyn - Here's one of the Email comments I got back from one of the families who attended the mountain bike class/ride! Randy Victory

Dear Randy, Thank you for the great class today! I felt like I got 30 years of experience in one day—well, almost anyway! I really appreciate the way you explain everything about mountain biking, from physics to courage!

We appreciate the program you lead and hope we can get a group of Scouts there after the first of the year!

Tom, Diane and Daniel Mobley



Happy Thanksgiving

Up Up & Away!

Did you know one word in the English language that can be a noun, a verb, an adjective, adverb, or a preposition? **UP** This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is “**UP**”. It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv], [prep], [adj], [n] or [v]. It’s easy to understand **UP**, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake **UP**? At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP**? Why do we speak **UP**, and why are the officers **UP** for election (if there is a tie, it is a toss **UP**) and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report? We call **UP** our friends, brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver, warm **UP** the leftovers and clean **UP** the kitchen. We lock **UP** the house and fix **UP** the old car. At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, and think **UP** excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed **UP** is special. This **UP** is confusing: a drain must be opened **UP** because it is stopped **UP**. We open **UP** a store in the morning, but we close it **UP** at night. When it threatens to rain: we say it is clouding **UP**. When the sun comes out: we say it is clearing **UP**. When it rains: the earth soaks it **UP**. When it does not rain for awhile: things dry **UP**. We seem to be pretty mixed **UP** about **UP**! If you are **UP** to it, you might try building **UP** a list of the many ways **UP** is used. It will take **UP** a lot of your time, but if you don’t give **UP**, you may wind **UP** with **UP** to a hundred or more. One could go on and on, but I’ll wrap it **UP**, for now . . . my time is **UP**, so I will shut **UP**! Oh . . . one more thing. What is the first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night?

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Did that one crack you **UP**?

submitted by Laurie Blitsch

Hello to Eric, Randy, staff and volunteers.

We’ve been following the newsletters since we left last March. It’s nice to keep up with such a great Park and great people we’ve met while hosting there. One thing we would like to know is... Randy told us that he would look after the area we landscaped on the Cabin Road. Actually he promised us. After all that hard work, we would like to see if he kept his word. Could you maybe send us pictures to prove that he is a man of his word? That would be great. Say Hi to everyone, take care, and hope to see you all in the future.

Vern and Janet Sisson, from Canada

Les wrote: “.....Carolyn, I can’t put into words how much I enjoy the DHR Newsletter... It keeps me connected to my DHR “family”. I still have to go some to catch up with your travels, but Elizabeth and I are enjoying our time in the Alaskan bush country.... There is something to be said for being off the highway system for awhile....”

*Manager Emeritus
Les & Elizabeth Bouvee*

Response from Barbie Hart after Carolyn emailed out the newsletter in October... “Getting Mauied! Aloha! Sorry I missed your mail. I’ll be out of contact until the end of October.”

Volunteer Barbie Hart

Past News

In reference to the Annual Summer Potluck in September, we had about 20 awards given out.

Here are some more that were not mentioned before:

Betty Hall:	1000 hr service pin
Art Enockson:	1500 hr service pin
Patricia Enockson:	1500 hr service pin
Jake Pratt:	2000 hr service pin
Bob Akey:	4000 hr service pin
Bill LaFleur:	6000 hr service pin
Bill Turner:	State Parks Lifetime Pass!

Bill has donated over
9000 hours of service.

There were others mentioned at the event and they received mugs, frames, etc...

You know WHO you are...

Congratulations to all the Volunteers!



Volunteer News November Comings

Carl Hartman (Quail #42)

Jim & Maryan Harris (Maintenance #2)

Bill & Jan Birtwell (Coopers Hawk)

Steven & Linda Guthrie (Cabins) Welcome!!

Patrick Rhoads & Keven Ward (Greenway)

November Goings

Gorden & Betty Lawrick

Gale & Judy Schmidt

Wayne Quimby & Betty Hall

John & Pat Pauly

Jeri Matthews

November Dates to Remember

4-6 Earth Dog Trials, River Day Use area!

11/11 VETERANS DAY!!!

11/14 Volunteer Meetings @ VRG Studio, 9:30am

11/24 THANKSGIVING DAY!!!

11/28 Volunteer Meetings @ VRG Studio, 9:30am

November MileStones

3-Charles & Billie Castle (1962)

5-Tony Viotti

11-Roger & Carolyn McCartney

11-Janet Birtwell

12-Gale & Judy Schmidt (1983)

13-Carol Nank

14-Joyce Reese

16-Bob Akey

18-Del & Anne Foster

18-Jo Wishnie

19-Dick Niemi

22-Robert (Bob) Mann

24-Dan Albright

In Honor of Veterans Day... Watching Over Our Fallen Heroes!



“A picture from the Minneapolis Star/Tribune, taken on a June morning, at the Minneapolis National Cemetery!” Email from Pat & Larry Malone, FL

“It doesn’t get any more patriotic than this ... looks as if the eagle is watching over our heroes! God Bless America!” Email from Joe Cook (former Army & Police Officer), FL submitted by Carolyn Meehan, editor